

COMMENT ON OGC/LC Analysis of McCarthy

B1--OGC is in error in interpreting McCarthy to say that CIA is not accountable to the President. He is saying CIA must be made accountable to Congress in addition to its present accountability to the President.

B6--OGC makes the same error. McCarthy is saying that although CIA had Presidential approval, it also needed Congressional approval. It should be pointed out, however, that McCarthy's wording is probably deliberately intended to convey the impression which OGC received. The tone of the rest of the piece (remarks about CIA acting in conflict with US public positions, the "fact" that the President is not "fully" informed, etc) makes such a mistaken reading natural.

B9--There is no necessary implication in McCarthy's article that all members of Congress are to be informed on all things. In fact, his lengthy discussion of the joint committee, the Clark and Hoover studies, etc., suggests that what he means is that some representatives shall act as representatives of the whole people in overseeing CIA. The rebuttal to this point is that four subcommittees are now doing this work.